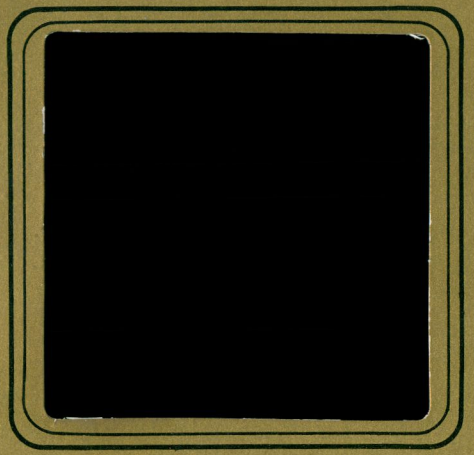

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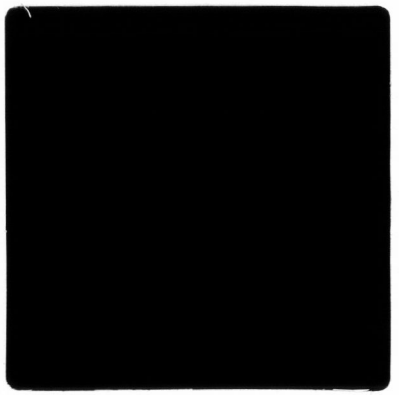
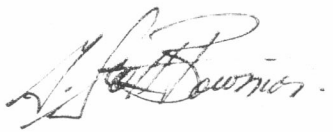


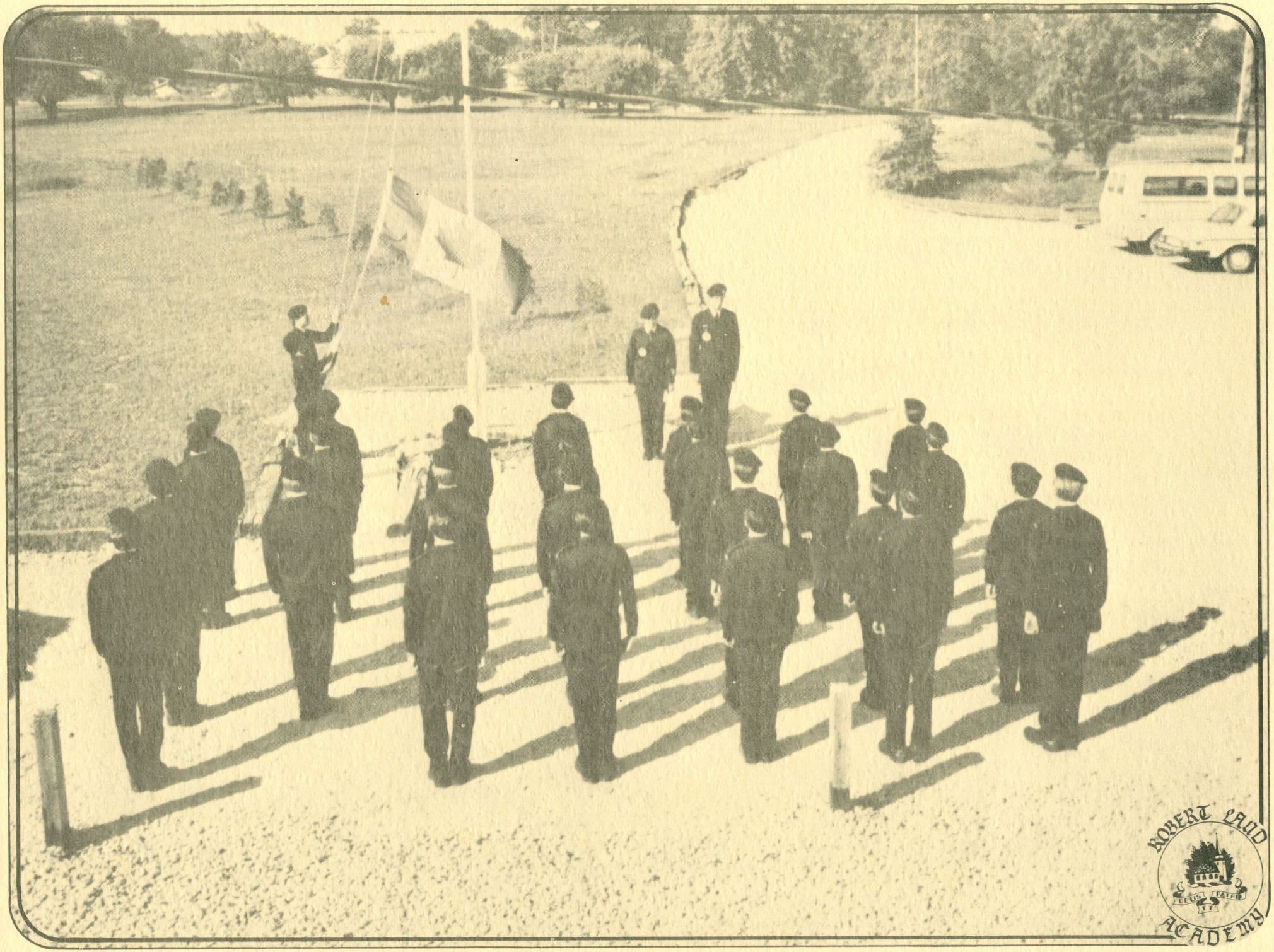
We, as a school, faculty and students, share a very special bond. We have created a living, vital link with the tradition of service and excellence which helped to create our country. A dream has been realized in our founding of an Academy which represents the values as well as spirit of the school's patron, Robert Land.

Most importantly we have filled a school with a group of young men whose energy, vibrancy and multi-form talents have inaugurated a tradition. Life, rigorous and challenging, has been breathed into the body of this school, a life of which all we "parents" can be justifiably proud.

I can say nothing more representative of my feelings at the moment than "let us go on together to meet the challenge of the future years, with all the vigour and confidence we have learned this year, with all the faith in our values which has sustained and united us, and all the wisdom and courage we will need to succeed".

G. Scott Bowman

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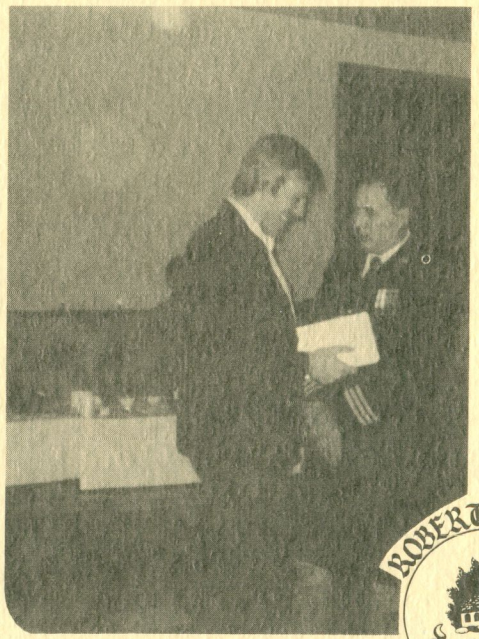

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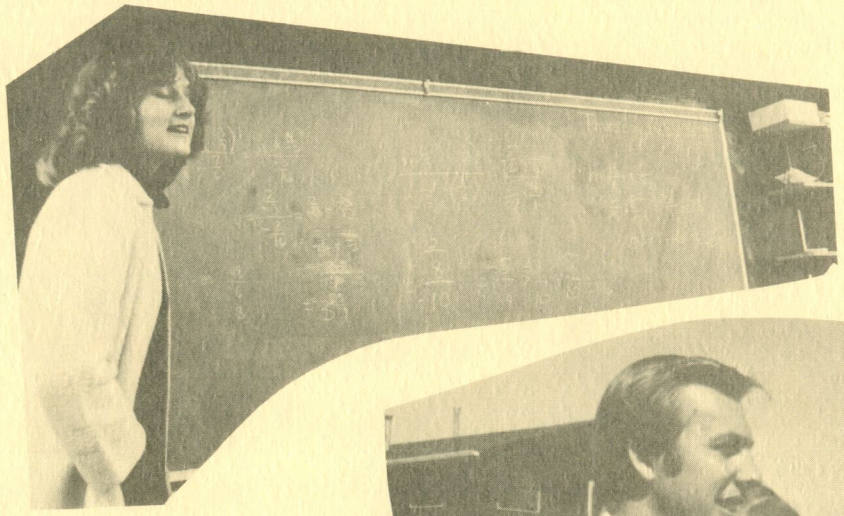

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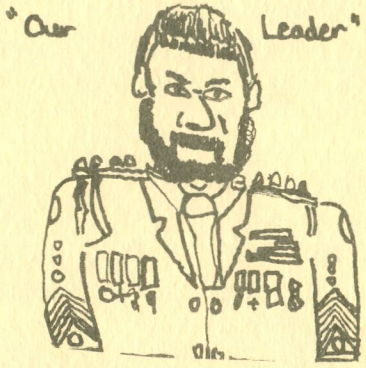

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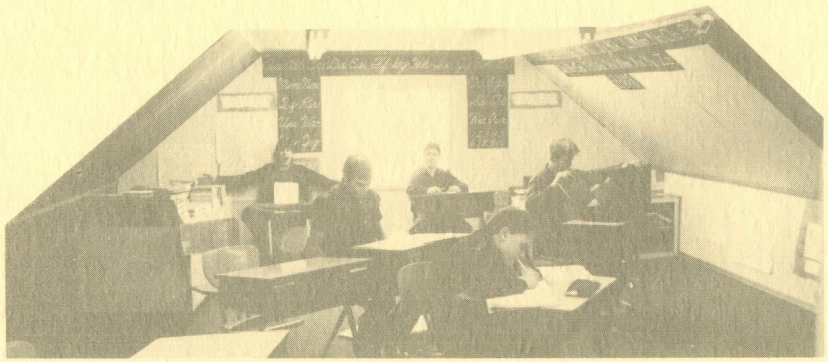

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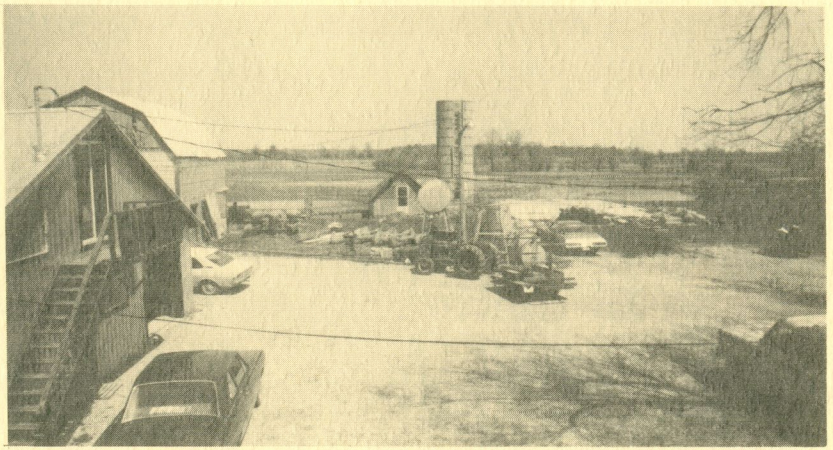

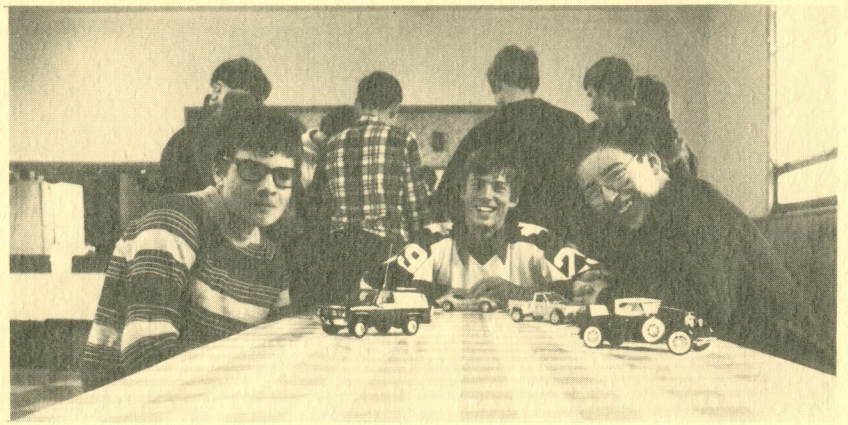

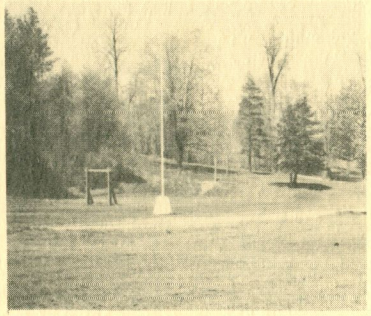

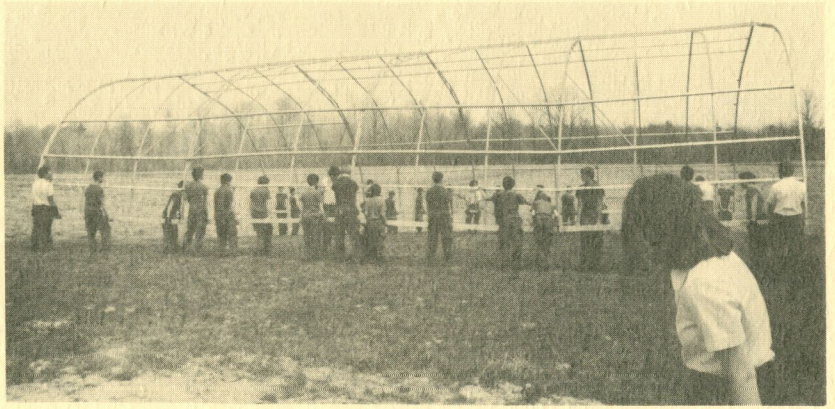

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BROCK HOUSE

Brock House was the only House to have two different Masters. First term, Mr. Cooney commanded the troops, and after Christmas Mr. V. Godden took charge. All the members of Brock 78-79 will miss both these Masters very much. Brock Cadets took pride in learning to do things for themselves this year, and even though some lessons were hard to learn, we carried on all year! Speaking of carrying on, there were a lot of fun activities in Brock this year as "The Brickheads" showed R.L.A. what good times were all about. Lance Corporal Monk gave the orders this year, and Cadet Ian Flint usually led the way in Inspections. By the end of the year, we all felt that we had made some good friends in Brock House.

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SHEAFFE HOUSE

There are many strange, fun, and exciting things that have happened in our house over the course of the year. Here are some of them . . .

top house in inspection (set a record not yet broken — 185 points with five perfect scores . . . Hurrah!!!

first house to march to Dunnville with packs — 1:21:24 from R.L.A. to Betes gas bar.

We would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Dockrill for taking us to their house to watch the Grey Cup and later on in the year the Canada-Russia series. Sheaffe house, with all that has happened to us, still thinks you're the greatest.

first house with two corporals

at the beginning of the year, kept everyone happy with our skits

Christmas raid by part of Sheaffe, "Love those nuts!" — Two of us got away (almost)

played against Horizon students and won.

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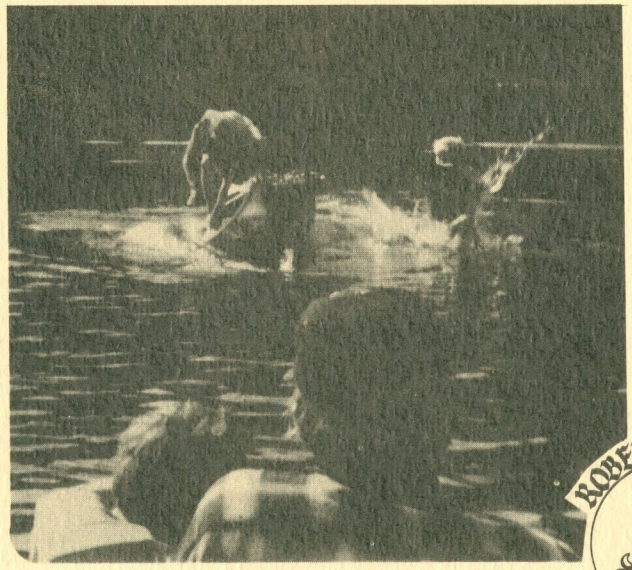
Wolfe House



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Living in Wolfe House was waking up, some of us for the first time in our lives.

Wolfe House was. . . . . .

. . . . . living with one, two, and three, quiet people and loud people, big people and little people, music lovers and cartoonists, model builders and weight lifters, red heads and dead heads, athletes and academics . . . . buddies.

. . . . . understanding that "because you sit there and I sit here" says it all.

. . . . . Hallowe'en candies, Ralph, pizza, doughnuts, and Ward Beemer.

. . . . . combat, Gibs, and room changes.

. . . . . smelly feet, zits, and being sent to the front.

Wolfe House is . . . . . .

. . . . . LONG TALKS

. . . . . learning to lead when you're not sure how to follow

. . . . . taking the pledge

. . . . . understanding what it is to be accountable for your actions

. . . . . finding out that goofing up often hurts others more than yourself

. . . . . giving a grandmother a new joy in life

. . . . . learning to jog a pole-any pole

. . . . . recognizing the mouse, the monster, and me

. . . . . finding a new me and being happy

. . . . . living with the incredible Hulk

. . . . . meaning both when people hear both, and meaning bath when people hear bath

. . . . . having to give up your sixteenth birthday because you were too busy becoming a man

The year has been a good one for all of us. We have found our weaknesses and our strengths. We have met new challenges and conquered them. We have gone forward as one.

Signed

The Wolfepack

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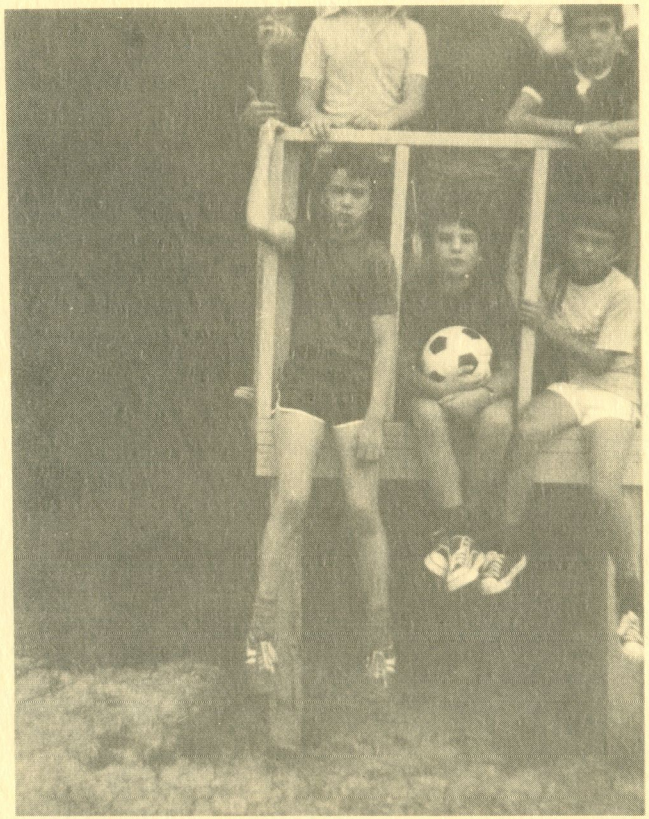
BUTLER HOUSE

Butler House was the youngest house in R.L.A. in 78-79, but that didn't stop us from getting involved! And with the Famous Director of Studies as our Resident Master, how could we lose? Mr. Godden and Lance Corporal Dave Dixon took care that things ran smoothly most of the time. Having senior Cadets in the House was pretty tough at times, but we learned a lot from them, too. Some of the highlights of our year were buying the school's Christmas Tree, seeing "The Love Bug", having House Meetings, and hearing about a kangaroo in a bar. All the Cadets in Butler House feel we had a successful year and were proud to be a part of R.L.A. in its Inaugural Year.



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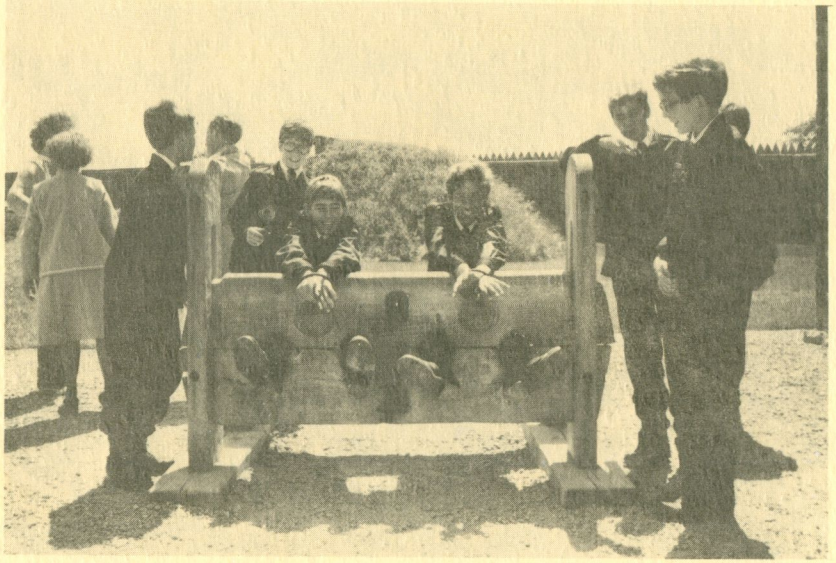

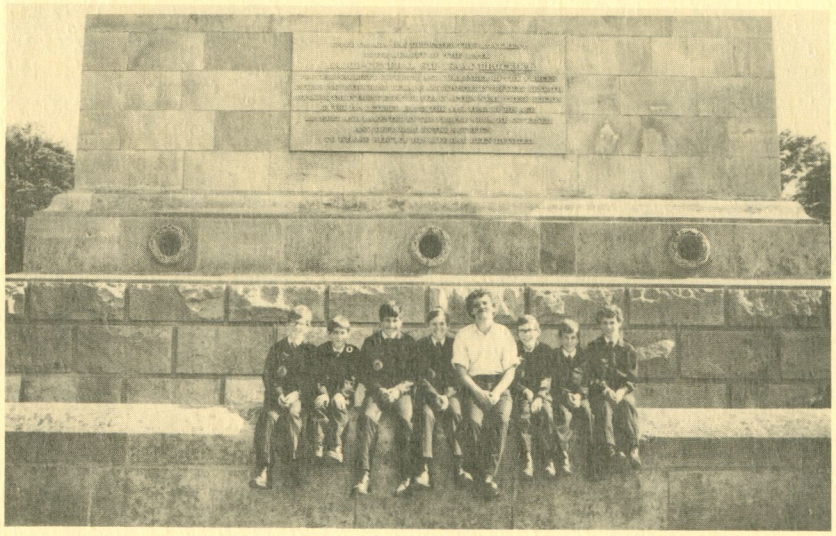

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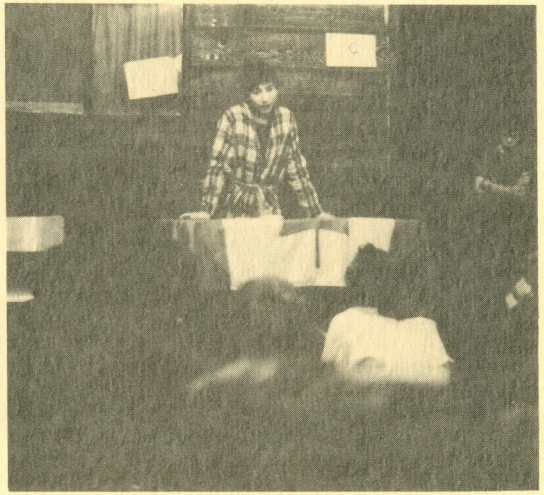
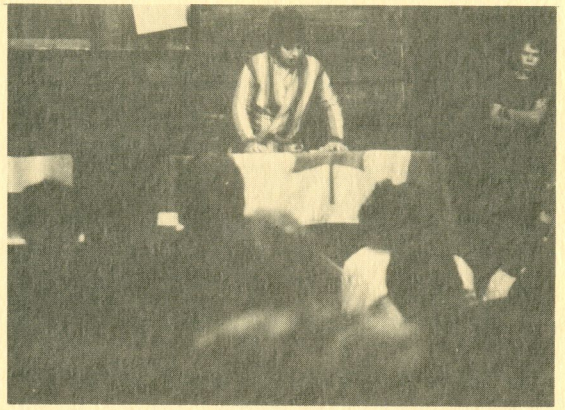
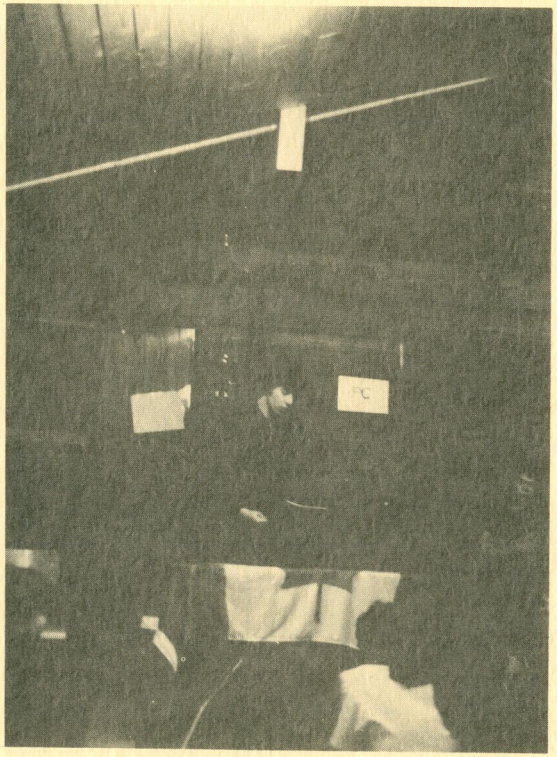
SPEECHES







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OPINION

This is Robert Land Academy — where all the students learn how to be young adults. We all came here and had a very hard time starting off. What I needed when I first came here was a good kick in the rear and someone pointing me in the right direction. It was a hard thing to take but with the help of the other cadets, who were going through just about the same thing, and the masters, I got to the point where I feel good about myself.

Academically, this is the first time since grade four (4) that I have been an honours student. This makes me even prouder of myself.

This has been a really good year — the best year of my life — and one of the hardest. But that's what made it good!

Keith Watts

When I first came to this school (in September of 1978) I was not sure just how good it would be for either me or my academic career. As the months went by, more and more rules were introduced and I became more and more unsure of the usefulness of the school to me. By the time that Christmas came I was beginning to realize that there was a reason for all the extra rules and regulations. That reason was the behaviour of the cadets. Once I realized this I began to look at the running of the school differently. In a little while, I started to admire the way that the school was running. Now that my first year is almost over, I think to myself — "It was all worthwhile."

This school has helped me academically, physically, and even socially (because of the way we work together as a team).

Jim Beal

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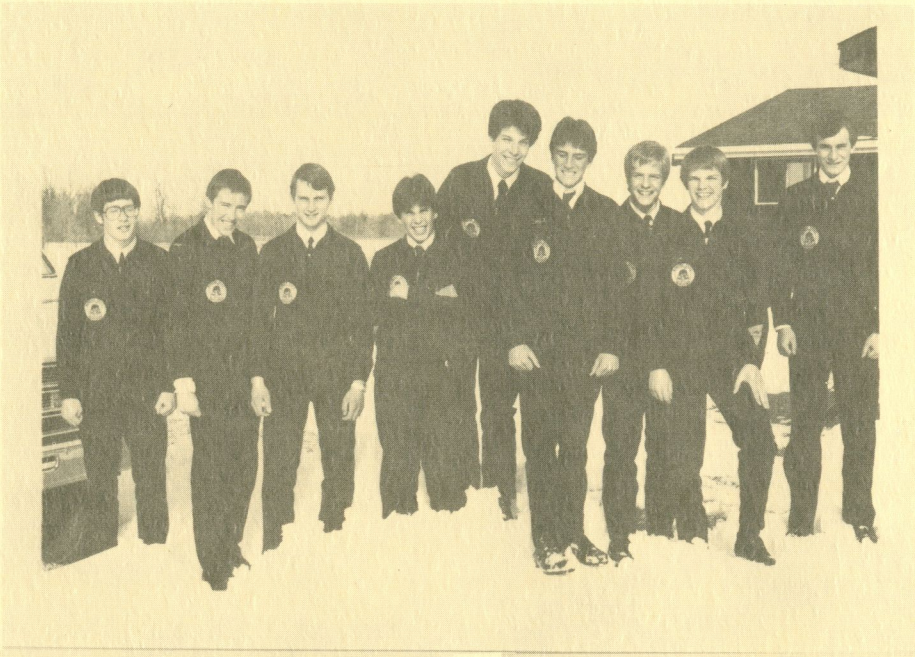

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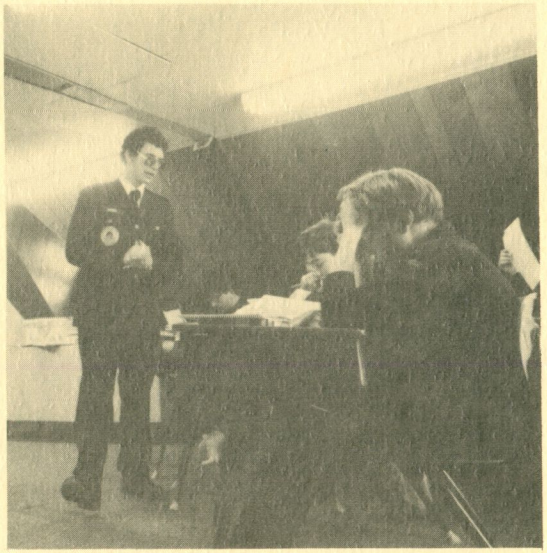

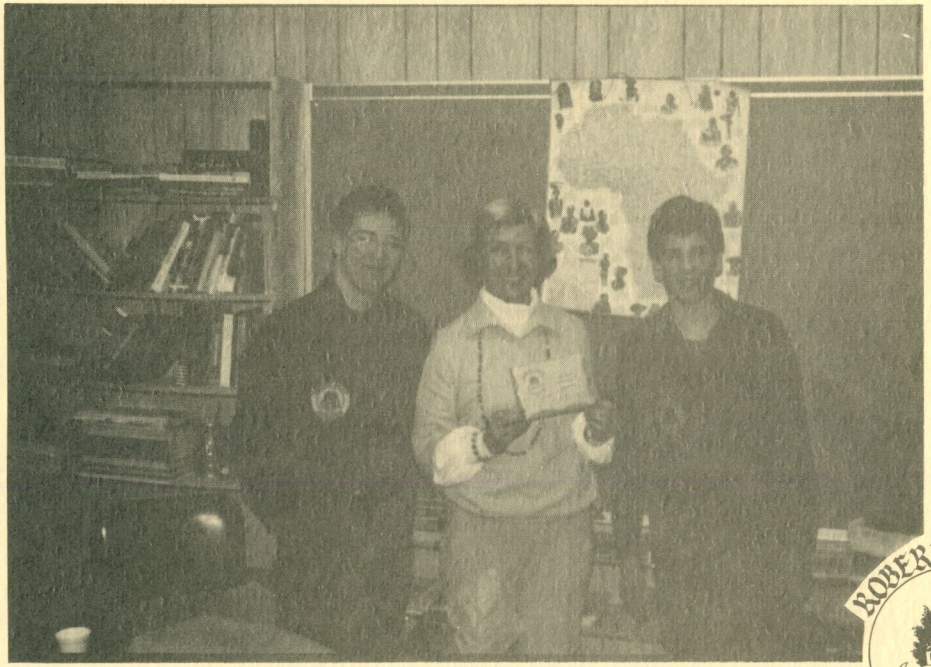

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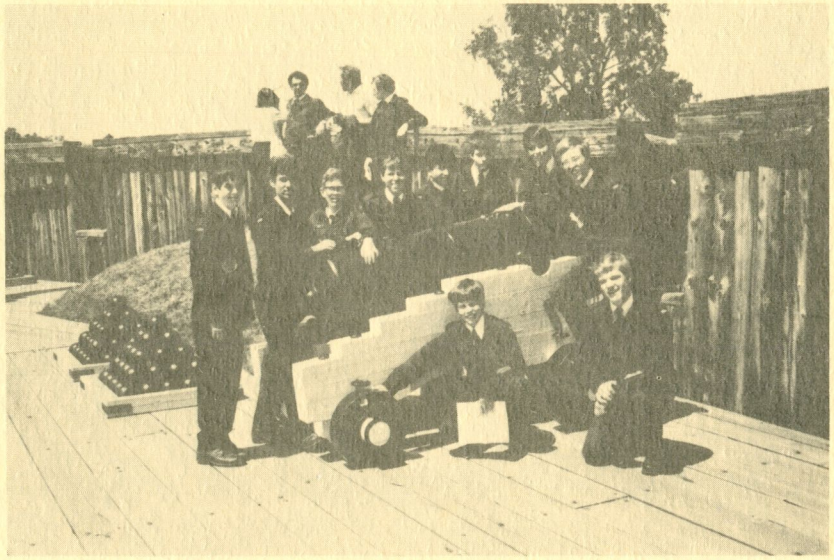

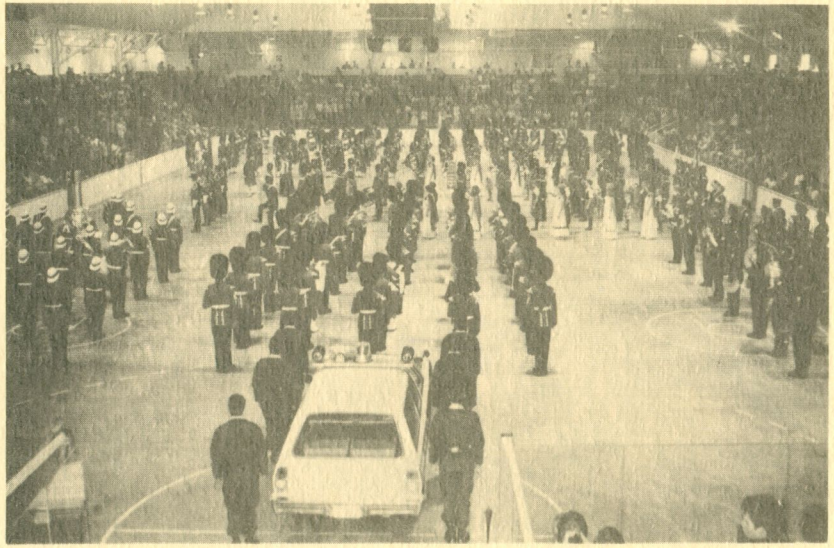

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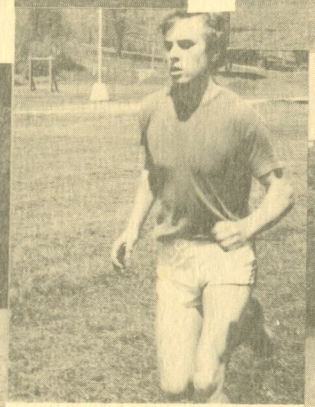

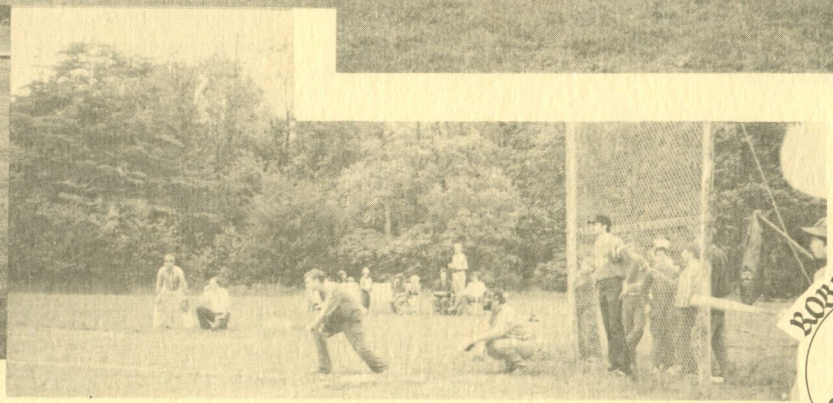

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SPORTS AT ROBERT LAND ACADEMY

1. The soccer game at Appleton was a great success for both of the schools. Appleton managed to pull off two victories.
2. The second clash with Appleton, which was a track meet, brought on great participation by all of our students. Robert Land did not come away victorious but we managed to achieve a draw.
3. Tuesday, May 29, 1979 (yet another great sports day at Robert Land) saw the staff and students battle the Grimsby Police Department in a game that was just outstanding. The police managed to squeeze a victory but the school swore to get revenge in upcoming years.
4. Sheaffe House and Butler House played the Horizons students we won 18 to 12 . . . and that was an impressive win.
5. The setting . . . . . the soccer field
   The place . . . . . Robert Land
   The action . . . . . staff soccer team vs. students' soccer team
   The result . . . . . the staff was physically victorious but the students won in their minds.
6. Quarter master Watts put together a great ski trip for the students and it was very successful. The masters were afraid to go at first but the students eventually managed to convince them to come along.
7. Groups 1 to 6 went to the gym every Wednesday for 1½ hours.
8. During the school year, Mr. Dockrill headed up the afternoon activities with all the students taking part in games such as:

   baseball, soccer, football, R.C.M.P., capture the flag, man hunt, frozen tag, jogging, marching, crab soccer, swimming, canoeing, hockey, frisbee, golf, chess, Dockrill Says, wrestling, ping pong, gymnastics, British bull dog, track and field, and checkers.

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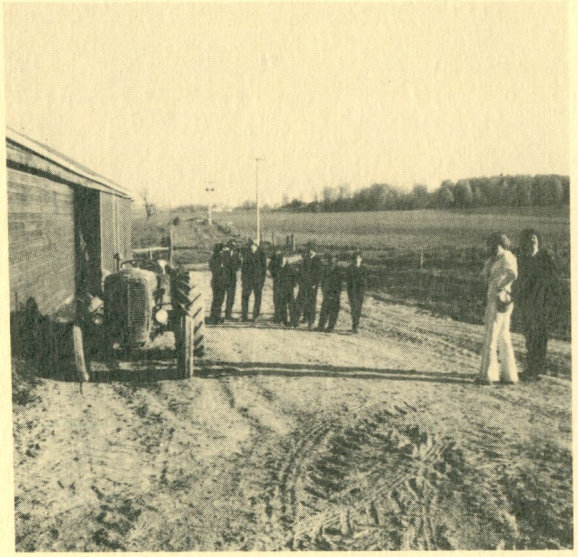

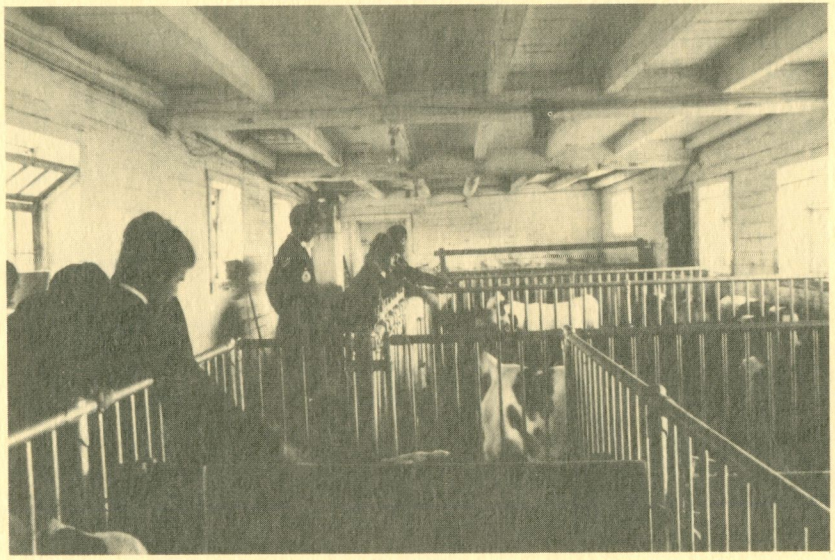

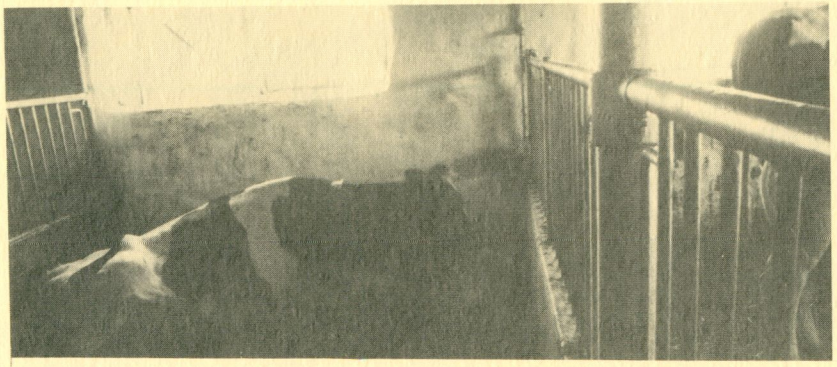

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Academics

Our life at Robert Land Academy is based largely upon academics. Many cadets are sent here for just that reason. The idea of our system is to train cadets for their future academic career. In my opinion, this training will be extremely useful when we go on to college or university or into the work force.

The classes at Robert Land are much smaller than in any regular school system. A maximum of seven (7) students per class seems to give those classes a family-like atmosphere (which the cadets, in general, enjoy). The work load in these classes is very heavy and two hours of homework each night is quite common.

Starting with grade seven(7), examinations occur at the end of each term. This work load plus added individual instruction has made possible great progress for the students. Cadets may sometimes even progress two grades in one year. The grade range here is from grades four(4) to eleven(11).

All the teachers are known to put a family-type feeling into their classes and at the same time get down to work. The more personal atmosphere seems to motivate the students so that they work harder. But the teachers are known to "stomp" on any student that isn't pulling his weight academically. (This is a big reason for the progress that has been made by some of the cadets.).

Jim Beal

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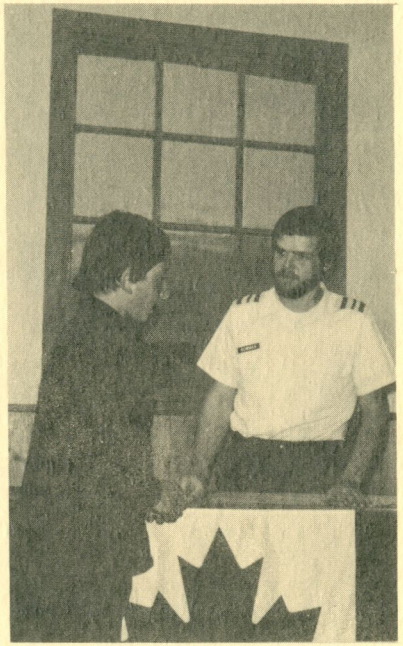

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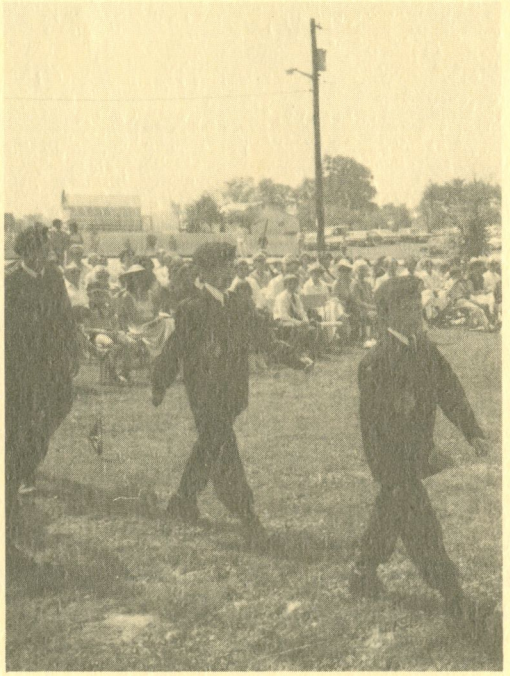

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SPIRIT

I believe that Robert Land Academy is a place of opportunity and a place with a sense of pride.

As a corporal, I see many of the benefits as well as the hardships some of us go through and I see then that what the school teaches is correct. We believe in a "values" systems which builds character in a person. Bad values support bad ideas and behaviour but good values can take you far. That is what Robert Land Academy is all about.

When I look back on the year I see the changes that have happened. They are all good.

When we go out in public we are put to the test. Have we learned well? So far we have. To me that means we have come a long way. When I say we, I mean staff and students because we all work together.

I believe that this school will last forever if we show the same spirit and courage as we did this year.

I would like to say thank you, because, when I leave the academy, I will remember the "ups" and the "downs" . . . . but mostly the ups.

Jeff Goldstein

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